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FOR: USE OF INTERLEUKIN-11 TO TREAT GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS

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Response to Office Action Dated March 27, 2003

In response to the Office Action March 27, 2003 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for treating a gastrointestinal motility disorder in a mammal which comprises administering to the mammal a therapeutically active amount of interleukin-11, wherein said gastrointestinal motility disorder is selected from the group consisting of gastroesophageal reflux disease, post-operative adynamic ileus and intolerance to oral feeding.

2 (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutically effective amount of interleukin-11 comprises 1 to 1000 μg /kg body weight.